

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 28 March 2006

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Beck Conference Room

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, John W. Flynn, Wallace Gernt, Maria R. Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, Ph.D., Robert S.L. Kinder, MD, Richard Lepine, Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, MD, Raymond Coia, Esq., Rosemary Booth Gallogly, John Keimig, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside, John Young

Excused Absence: Robert L. Bernstein

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Andrea Therrien (Intern)

Public: (see attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Time Extension for the Minutes Availability, Conflict of Interest Forms and Election of Health Services Council Officers

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The transcript of the 31 meeting of the Health Services Council were authenticated as submitted. The minutes of the 28 February 2006 meeting of the Health Services Council were approved as submitted. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Kinder, Lepine, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the Election of Health Services Council Officers. The nominations for the Health Services Council Officers were as follows: Chairman - Robert J. Quigley, Vice Chairman - Victoria Almeida, Secretary – Reverend David Shire. There

being no other nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. The Council Members cast their ballots. The results of the election were as follows: Chairman – Robert J. Quigley (10 votes); Vice Chairman – Victoria Almeida (10 votes); Secretary – Reverend David Shire (11 votes).

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was an update by Rhode Island PET Services, LLC and Rhode Island Hospital with regards to PET and PET/CT utilization and education. The Chairman recommended that Rhode Island PET Services, LLC and Rhode Island Hospital provide quarterly reports to the state agency regarding utilization.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application for Change in Effective Control of Grace Barker Nursing Center, Inc. Staff summarized committee deliberations on this matter.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Kinder, Lepine, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was Addendum to the Report of the Health Services Council on the Application of Rhode Island Hospital to Upgrade Surgical Services. Staff summarized committee deliberations on this matter.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Kinder, Lepine, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was Addendum-II to the Report of the Health Services Council on the Application of Rhode Island PET Services, LLC to Provide PET Scanning Services in Rhode Island. Staff summarized Committee deliberations and discussions.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of ten in favor, none opposed and one recused (10-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almon, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Kinder, Lepine, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire. Almeida recused.

The next items on the agenda were presentations by Christopher F. Koller, Health Insurance Commissioner and Renee Rulin, MD, MPH, Quality Partners of Rhode Island, on Balanced Health Care Delivery System and Primary Care. Mr. Koller and Ms. Rulin made PowerPoint presentations to the Health Services Council and answered questions of the Council and members of the public.

Members of the Council expressed serious concerns about the lack of available parking spaces in the parking lot.

The next Health Services Council meeting was tentatively scheduled for 25 April 2006.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova